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REMARKS

In view of the following discussion, the Applicants submit that none of the claims now pending in the application are anticipated under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §102. Thus, the Applicants believe that all of these claims are now in allowable form.

It is to be understood that the Applicants, do not acquiesce to the Examiner's characterizations of the art of record or to Applicant's subject matter recited in the pending claims. Further, Applicants are not acquiescing to the Examiner's statements as to the applicability of the prior art of record to the pending claims by filing this Response. For reasons relating to prosecution efficiency, all rejected claims are cancelled herein, but Applicants reserve the right to pursue same in a continuing application.

Rejection Of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,249,905 issued June 19, 2001 to Yoshida et al. (hereinafter "Yoshida"). Specifically, the Examiner offers that Yoshida teaches a method for providing one or more graphical user interfaces in the manner claimed in Claims 1-13.

In response, Applicants offer that there is a minor typographical error in Paragraph 3 of the Office Action by indicating that Claims 1-13 are rejected. Specifically and according to Paragraph 4 of the Office Action, claims 11 and 12 are objected to and indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Therefore, only claims 1-10 and 13 are rejected. This analysis is further supported by the Examiner's claim-by-claim rejections in the sub-paragraphs of Paragraph 3. In view of the cancellation of claims 1-10 and 13, the rejection to these claims is deemed moot. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

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Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has objected to claims 11 and 12 as being dependent upon rejected base claims. The Examiner concludes that these claims would be allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Applicants graciously thank the Examiner for indicating the allowable subject matter. Applicants have rewritten claims 11 and 12 in independent format pursuant to the Examiner's findings. Accordingly, Applicants believe claims 11 and 12 stand in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing objections to these claims be withdrawn.

Claims Objections

The Examiner objected to claim 6 because of grammatical informalities. In response, Applicants have indicated above that claim 6 has been cancelled from the application. Accordingly, the objection is deemed moot.

Conclusion

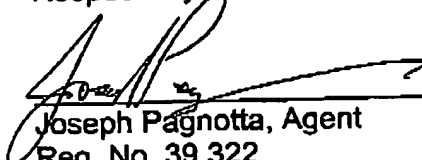
Thus, the Applicants submit that claims 11 and 12 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Eamon J. Wall at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

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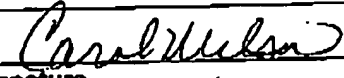
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